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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

FROM MCHENRY

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA; AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S COMMENTS ON
CANADIAN DISCUSSION WITH EKSTEEN

REF: USUN 2163

1. THE CANADIAN REPORT (REFTEL) OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN LAPOINTE
(CANADA) AND EKSTEEN REFLECTS A COMBINATION OF FACTORS WITH
WHICH USUN AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE FAMILIAR AND WHICH ARE PERHAPS
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AN INHERENT ALBEIT ANNOYING HAZARD OF A MULTI-NATIONAL
UNDERTAKING.

2. EKSTEEN'S REPORTED ALLEGATION THAT HE URGED ME NOT TO
UNDERTAKE PRESENT TRIP IS NOT ACCURATE.

3. THE IMPLICATION THAT VORSTER'S INTENTION TO GO AHEAD WITH

VOTER REGISTRATION BECAUSE OF MY REMARKS IS SIMPLY NOT BORNE OUT BY FACTS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, NOTHING WAS SAID WHICH IS NOT THE STANDARD U.S. POSITION--AND IN FACT THE POSITIONS OF ALL FIVE GOVERNMENTS--OFTEN STATED PUBLICLY AND TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE REMARKS IS AVAILABLE AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WISE OF OUR COLLEAGUE TO LOOK AT THE TRANSCRIPT INSTEAD OF IMMEDIATELY DIVING FOR COVER AS RESULT OF VORSTER'S GLARE AND BOTHA'S PRESS CAMPAIGN.

4. SECONDLY, VORSTER'S DECISION TO ANNOUNCE VOTER REGISTRATION WAS ALREADY TAKEN AND THE REASON FOR OUR DEMARCHE. IN FACT, AS ALREADY REPORTED THE SAG DECISION TO BEGIN VOTER REGISTRATION WAS ALREADY WIDELY KNOWN IN WINDHOEK AND IN CAPE TOWN, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
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